

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Ramachandran et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2192**
Serial No.: **10/626,205** § Examiner: **Pham, Chrystine**
Filed: **July 24, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030501US1**
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**For: Method and Apparatus for
Monitoring Compatibility of Software
Combinations**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 7** of this paper.